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1. THE CURFEW WILL BE RELAXED IN KARACHI APRIL 27 FROM 0530 TO 1100 AND FSOM 1400 TO 1830, AND IN HYDERABAD FROM 0530 TO 1100 AND 1430 TO 1730. IN THE SITE AND LANDHI/KORANGI INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF KARACHI, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF RELAXATION FROM 2200 HOURS UNTIL MIDNIGHT IN ORDER TO ENABLE NIGHT SHIFT WORKERS TO GET TO THE FACTORIES AND IMPROVE PRODUCTION. STILL MORE ENTERPRISES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES, WHOSE WORKERS ARE UNDER ORDERS TO REPORT TO WORK AND MAY TRAVEL WITHOUT CURFEW PASSES.

2. THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR CONTINUES HIS REFORMING WAYS. HE HAS INSTRUCTED KARACHI'S NOTORIOUSLY UNHYGIENIC HOSPITALS TO CLEAN THEMSELVES UP. HE HAS ALSO THREATENED "VERY SERIOUS ACTION"

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AGAINST PERSONS WHO OFFER BRIBES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, AND HAS FORBIDDEN THE PRESS TO PUBLISH "NEWS ITEMS AND STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL NATURE TENDING TO CREATE ILL WILL AND HATRED BETWEEN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION." PRESS CONTACTS TELL US THAT THIS WARNING WAS INSPIRED BY A STORY APRIL 26 REPORTING DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT PIR PAGARO BY SIND CABINET

MEMBER SADIQ ALI.

3. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CURFEW VIOLATIONS REPORTED
IN EITHER KARACHI OR HYDERABAD APRIL 26. ATTENDANCE AT
OFFICES AND FACTORIES CONTINUED TO INCREASE THAT DAY
AND TODAY, APRIL 27. THERE IS MUCH PRESS SPECULATION
ABOUT A POSSIBLE POLITICAL SOLUTION AT THE NATIONAL
LEVEL BUT LOCAL PNA SOURCES CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT
THEY WILL PERSIST IN THEIR CAUSE. RUMOR HAS IT
THAT IF THE LONG MARCH IN THE PUNJAB APRIL 30 IS
SUCCESSFUL, SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE STAGED IN
OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
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